

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Barrowford Parish Council
Held at the Council Offices, 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford
On Wednesday, the 15th July 2009**

Present

Cllr M. Simpson – Chairman in the Chair

Councillors

T. Titchiner	A. Holgate	B. Clarke	S. Nike	J Gibson
R. Oliver	A. Hargreaves	J. Begley	A. Vickerman	Cllr. S. Derwent

60. Declaration of Interest: None

61. Apologies: J. Pope, A Vickerman would arrive late, Cllr. T. Beckett
Resolved: That apologies from Parish Councillors be accepted.

62. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Held 17th June 2009:
It was resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th June 2009 copies having been circulated be approved as a correct record.

63. Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting Held 3rd June 2009:
It was resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June, copies having been circulated be noted.

64. Sleigh Ride Event at Christmas 2009: Mr. David Holden addressed the Council regarding his idea to resurrect the Sleigh Ride Event formerly run by The Roundtable as a charity fund raising event. The event would be held the last Sunday before Christmas with a Santa's grotto at the Lamb Club. The event would involve a sleigh being transported around the village culminating at the Lamb the whole event would last approximately two hours. Mr. Holden asked for support from the Council with route planning, publicity, policing, posters, and suggestion as to where donations should be dispersed.
It was Resolved: That the Council would support this event in principle and that Mr. Holding should liaise with the Clerk.

65. Barrowford Youth Club: Nothing to report.

66. Crime, Disorder & Community Safety Matter:

- Cllr. Gibson reported that a Pact Meeting had been held at Holmefield Gardens, several Councillors asked where it had been advertised and was informed that only local residents had been invited by letter.
- Cllr. Titchiner was concerned at the lack of crime statistics available at the meetings.
It was Resolved: That the Clerk writes to Inspector Leigh and invite him to the next council meeting.

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67. Planning Matters:

Number	Description	Comments
13/09/0269P	Advert consent: Erection of free standing sign Roundabout Junction of Parrock Road and Barrowford Road.	Objection: This roundabout due to the bus lane and other contributing factors including signage has suffered an high incidence of accidents in recent years and the potential distraction caused by additional signage can only exacerbate the situation.
13/09/0279P	Erection of two storey domestic side extension. 125 Wheatley Lane Road Barrowford BB9 6QW	Objection: The Parish Council feels that this is an overdevelopment of the original footprint of this property and is not within character of the current streetscape. The proposed extension with take the building up to the property boundary, adding to the terracing effect on these established semi-detached properties detracting from the current visual amenity. Whilst the loss of external access to the rear of the property for the storage of wheelie bins etc. may lead to the possible storage of waste receptacles to the front of the property leading to a further loss of visual amenity to the front of the property.
13/09/0285P	Change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden. 2 Meadow Edge Barrowford	No Objection
13/09/0298P	Errrection of domestic single storey rear extension and alteration to roof. 38 Appleby Drive Barrowford BB9 6EX	No Objection

68. Correspondence: A written report had been previously circulated.

It was Resolved: To note the report

69. Financial Matters: A request from the Royal British Legion for a grant, an outurn including virements for June 2009 and the payments schedule for July having been previously circulated.

It was Resolved:

- a. To make a grant of £100.00 towards the Armed Forces Day event in the park
- b. To make the highlighted virements and note the Outurn for June 2009

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c. That payments of £4837.02 be made.

Payments July

Petty Cash	112.89
Lanlee	34.67
Lanlee	22.24
Lanlee	2.75
J B Barnes	55.48
J B Barnes	58.17
Citrus	130.55
Raymond Smith	382.72
United Utilities	59.59
United Utilities	218.50
Keyline	99.71
Keyline	99.71
SLLC	55.60
Northern Tool & Equipment	68.99
Solutions	44.14
Solutions	18.66
Pendle BC	717.26
D. Lewin	71.26
Wages & Salaries	2495.30
I A Lord	88.83
Total	4837.02

70. Affordable Housing: The Council discussed the fact that only one site in Higham is highlighted in the recent affordable house strategy study and felt that this did not address the problem within Barrowford highlighted in the Parish Plan. The tagging of a relatively small number of affordable houses to large scale developments would not address the problems of affordable starter properties within the village. One resolution to the problem is for smaller sites be designated specifically as affordable housing this could be achieved if these sites were earmarked in local policy documents. Borough Councillor S. Derwent told the council that an agenda item regarding affordable housing was to be discussed at the next executive meeting. **It was Resolved:** That he Clerk speak at the Executive meeting regarding affordable housing. Cllr. Oliver wished his abstention in the vote recorded.

71. Grot Spots: The Clerk handed out a progress report at the meeting and after discussion.

It was Resolved:

- To Remove the Rushton Street site from the list.
- To watch progress at the former Pendle Brook site.
- Remove coach parking at Park Avenue.
- Monitor Car Park and seating at Lowerclough Street.
- Await reply from S. Healey at planning regarding the site at Garnett Street.

72. Best Kept Garden Competition: The Clerk Reported:

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- That entries had been sent to last years competitors.
- The Judges had been booked and that judging would take place the weekend 25th/26th July.
- That despite best efforts no article had yet appeared in the Nelson Leader.

It was Resolved: That the presentation again be held at Barrowford Working Men's Club on Wednesday the 12th August 2009 the Clerk to organise he catering.

73. Out Door Gym Equipment Project: The Clerk reported that he waiting or a response regarding the Councils bid to the Health Inequalities Fund.

74. Barrowford Website: Nothing to Report.

75. Reports from Working Groups: Nothing to Report.

76. Report of the Clerk: The Clerk reported:

- That he had submitted a claim form to the insurer regarding the theft of the council's equipment.
- That 2010 would be the 40th anniversary of Barrowford Celtic and that he club would like to display flags marking the event from council brackets.

77. Report on the Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee: Cllr. Simpson reported that the fencing around the land to the rear of Holmefield House/ The Holden Centre was discussed with three options: Repair, renew or remove Cllr. Simpson proposed that the residents immediately facing the field be consulted on their preferred option.

78. To Receive Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing to report.

79. To receive reports (if any) from County & Borough Councillors and members appointed to other bodies: Cllr. S. Derwent reported that the County Council are looking into funding allocated to both highway repairs and gulley cleaning brought about by more frequent flash floods blamed on climate change. Cllr. Derwent also informed the Council that the plans for new changing facilities at Bullholme were at an advanced stage.

80. Date, time & place of the next meeting: *The next meeting of the Council and will be held Wednesday the 19th August 2009 starting at 7pm and held at 55 Gisburn Road Barrowford.*

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